

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) An inverted type front fork usable in a two-wheeled vehicle ~~or the like~~ comprising an attachment portion for a bush guiding an inner tube in a side of an axle disposed in upper and lower sides of an inner periphery of an outer tube in a side of a vehicle body,

wherein an annular groove in which both end portions in an axial direction are closed is disposed in an upper inner periphery of the outer tube, and an annular bush having a closed gap in a free state is attached to the annular groove, and

an annular gap between an inner periphery of the outer tube and an outer periphery of the inner tube is smaller in dimension than a thickness of the bush.

2. (Currently Amended) An inverted type front fork usable in two-wheeled vehicle ~~or the like~~ according to claim 1, wherein the closed gap of the bush is inclined with respect to the axial direction of the bush.

3. (Currently Amended) An inverted type front fork usable in two-wheeled vehicle ~~or the like~~ according to claim 1, wherein the closed gap of the bush is a straight shape extending along the axial direction of the bush.

4. (Currently Amended) An inverted type front fork usable in two-wheeled vehicle ~~or the like~~ according to claim 1, wherein the closed gap of the bush is a step shape with respect to the axial direction of the bush.

5. (Currently Amended) An inverted type front fork usable in two-wheeled vehicle ~~or the like~~ according to claim 1, wherein the annular groove is constituted by a recess groove in which both end portions in the axial direction are closed by a step portion, in an inner peripheral surface of the outer tube.